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ELECTION & REMARKS

The claims of the present application are subject to a restriction into four groups:

Group I - claims 1-8 and 35;

Group II - claims 9-22;

Group III - claims 23-33;

Group IV - claim 34.

Applicant elects the Group I claims, which correspond to claims 1-8 and 35, and has withdrawn the claims of Groups II and III, which correspond to claims 9-22 and 23-33. Applicant traverses the restriction of the Group IV claim 34 as the currently amended claim 34 contains all of the limitations of claim 1. Applicant reserves the right to include the subject matter of the withdrawn claims 9-22 and 23-33 into the claims of the present application should the claims be allowed.

In light of all of the above, it is submitted that the claims are in order for examination, and prompt examination is earnestly requested. Should any issues remain outstanding, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney of record so that the case may proceed expeditiously to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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